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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Friday, the 28th July, 1978/Shravana 6, 1900 S.E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at Twelve of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER (SRI P. VENKATARAMANA) in the Chair.]

STARRED QUESTIONS
(to which oral Answers were given)

Change in the distribution system of Cement.

237. SRI A. G. KODAGI (Baindur) and SRI ANAND KUNDA HEGDE (Brahmavara).—Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what is the distribution system followed by Government in respect of supply of Cement to the consumers ;

(*b*) whether Government is aware that consumers of cement are experiencing great hardship due to the distribution system now in vogue ;

(*c*) whether Government intend to change the system ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(*a*) Cement distribution is done by the Central Government and the allotment to the States is done for every quarter and planned on 14 factories in the Southern part by Regional Cement Controller, Madras fixing quantum of cement to be despatched by the Factories in these categories ;

(i) Rate contract *i.e.*, for Government Departments ;

(ii) Cement required for Industries, Public Buildings like Hospitals, Schools, Colleges, etc., other than residential buildings ; and

(iii) Stockists category *i.e.*, cement required for public for construction of residential buildings, etc.
Cement is channelised through Cement Stockists in the market whereas in the first two categories, cement is made available directly from factories. District-wise allotment of cement is made by the Director of Industries and Commerce taking into consideration the off-take of Cement by the Districts as also availability of cement.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆನಂದಕುಂದ ಹೆಗಡೆ.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೆ ಬಳಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಸಿಮೆಂಟನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅನುಸರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ವಿತರಣಾ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಏನು ?

ಈಗ ಅಸ್ತಿತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿತರಣಾ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸಿಮೆಂಟಿನ ಬಳಕೆದಾರರು ತುಂಬಾ ತೊಂದರೆಯನ್ನು ಅನುಭವಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಸದರಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸುವರೆ ? ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿರುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಖಚಿತವಾದ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ ?

† SRI AZEEZ SAIT,—The system regarding supply and issue of cement is as per the old Government Order. ಈಗ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ನಮಗೆ ಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೋ ಅಷ್ಟು ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಬರುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಲಾರಿಗಳ ಮುಖಾಂತರವಾಗಿಯೂ ಸಿಮೆಂಟನ್ನು ತರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೋಟಾವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಕೂಡ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗ ನಮಗೆ ೧೦ ಸಾವಿರ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್‌ಟನ್‌ಗಳಷ್ಟು ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಒಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆನಂದಕುಂದ ಹೆಗಡೆ.—ಬರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೋಟ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಹಸೀಲ್‌ದಾರರವರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ತಿಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆ. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಬರತಕ್ಕಂಥಾದ್ದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುವುದೇ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಇದು ಒಂದು ದೊಡ್ಡ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾರವಾರಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ೧೨ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ೮-೯ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತವೆ. ಉಳಿದ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಕೆಲಸವು ನಡೆಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇದನ್ನು ಒಂದು ಸೂಕ್ಷ್ಮದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ನೋಡಿ ವಿತರಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ ಎಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ ?.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Information in the District is received by the Deputy Commissioner, in the State headquarters by the Director of Industries and Commerce and in the Taluk by the Tahsildar. We are having a continuous dialogue with the Cement Dealers' Association, and we are thinking in terms of semi-control of cement. I am sure this act of the Government might improve the position.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ರಾಮದೇವ್.—ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ವಿತರಣೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಮೂರುಬಾರಿ ಬಂದಿದ್ದು, ಮೂರುಬಾರಿಯೂ ಅದೇ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಈ ಒಂದು ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ವಿತರಣೆಯ ಕೆಲಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ವಿಫಲವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಕಂಡುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರೂ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಇದನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ವಿತರಣೆ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ ?.

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† indicates that remarks or Speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—We have received a communication from the Hon'ble Union Minister for Industries it is communicated to the Chief Minister, I have not yet received it a few days back. At the same time, I am having a dialogue and continuous meetings with the concerned authorities next Saturday or Sunday I am having another meeting, and I have been telling them that the Government of Karnataka have taken up about 10 projects in the State. The total allotment given to us is about 2,85,000 tonnes. Further due to non-availability of wagons, we thought that transportation should be made through lorries. Inspite of this, during this quarter, out of about 10,000 tonnes, the transportation by lorries was only 1,000 tonnes. I am calling a meeting of all the dealers and stockists to take a firm decision in the matter. At the same time, I am requesting the Government of India to increase the quota. Yesterday night I had a talk with the Union Industries Minister over the telephone. The State requires at least 5 lakh tonnes per quarter whereas we are getting about 2,85.000 tonnes.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—What is the average annual requirement of cement for the State of Karnataka and what is the shortfall you are experiencing, can you kindly give us the figures?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—quarterly 4 lakh metric tonnes of cement is required and annually it comes to 16 lakh metric tonnes. Attempts have been made to get more quota of cement. Yesterday the moment I got this question, I had a long discussion with the Minister of Industries, Government of India; he has assured me that he would call the file and dispose of the matter. The Neighbouring States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu are getting 4 lakh & more tonnes of cement which is allotted by the Cement Controller. The Government of India have taken note of the requirement of Karnataka and they would give top priority to the projects which are coming up in our State. I hope by the first week of next month our cement position will be improved.

SRI G.B. SHANKAR RAO.—From the answers of the Minister, it appears that the government of India is limiting the cement quota to our State because of the short supply or due to shortage in production in the country. Will the Minister encourage persons who intend starting cement factories in the State and will he get licence from the Central overnment?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Already four licences have been hanging with the licensees; some of them have prepared the projects reports and some are yet to prepare; some of them have collected money and some are yet to collect money. I have asked the Director of Cement, New Delhi to issue notices to licensees if they are not going to start the factories within a specified time, their licenses may be cancelled and

given to others who are willing to start. Karnataka has 29 cement deposit areas. The cement produced in our factories, we do not get all the cement because it is controlled by the Government of India. I cannot get a tonne of cement more unless it is allotted by the Regional Controller of Cement. Madras. There is only one Regional Controller at Madras who is looking after the Southern States. It appears he has got lot of work. I am now making a recommendation to the Government of India to sanction another Controller of Cement to be based at Bangalore so that he can take care of the interests of Kerala and Karnataka and this would ensure fair and equitable distribution of cement.

Building for Urdu Training College and its Hostel at Bijapur.

393. SRI S.H.S. BAKSHI (Bijapur), –Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state.

(*a*) the reasons why construction work of the building for Urdu Training College and its hostel at Bijapur has not been started so far;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that the construction work has not been taken up for the last ten years;

(*c*) ...

(i) whether Government are aware that a site has been sanctioned; and

(ii) a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs was allotted for construction of these buildings;

(*d*) if so, whether Government would take immediate steps to construct these buildings?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) The Technical sanction to the work of construction of building for the College has since been accorded and the construction work is expected to start shortly.

(*b*) Yes, for the last 6 years.

(*c*) ...

(i) Yes.

(ii) Rs. 20,000 has been provided for the work in the current year's budget.

(*d*) Yes.